THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Requests from the local people, representatives of people and local bodies fora for airlinking particular places are received from time to time. Such requests are evaluated by the airline operators on the basis of several factors, the most important being commercial judgement. At present, no schedule operator is operating any air service on Guwahati-Silchar sector *via* Jorhat. However, following air services are available on Guwahati-Jorhat and Calcutta. Silchar sectors:

Alliance Air:

Calcutta-Silchar-Imphal & return	— 3 flights/week
Calcutta-Silchar-Calcutta	— 3 flights/week

Jet Airways:

Calcutta-Jorhat-Guwahati-Jorhat-Calcutta	— 2 flights/week

Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including north east regions. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject of course to compliance with route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

Handing over of Hyderabad Airport to Private Sector

1696. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modalities have been worked out by Government for handing over the management of the existing airport at Hyderabad to the successful bidder for the new International Airport; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay in preparing the modalities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) At present, there is no such decision to hand over the management of existing airport at Hyderabad to the successful bidder of the new international airport at Shamsabad, Hyderabad.

(b) Does not arise.